

any action that will endanger United States military forces in the field, including the elimination or reduction of funds for troops in the field, as such action with respect to funding would undermine their safety or harm their effectiveness in pursuing their assigned missions.

#### AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 459. Mr. KYL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 214, to amend chapter 35 of title 28, United States Code, to preserve the independence of United States attorneys; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 460. Mr. SESSIONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 214, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 461. Mr. PRYOR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution S.J. Res. 9, to revise United States policy on Iraq; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 462. Mr. REID (for Mr. BIDEN (for himself and Mr. MENENDEZ)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 494, to endorse further enlargement of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and to facilitate the timely admission of new members to NATO, and for other purposes.

SA 463. Mr. REID (for Mr. BIDEN) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution H. Con. Res. 20, calling on the Government of the United Kingdom to immediately establish a full, independent, and public judicial inquiry into the murder of Northern Ireland defense attorney Patrick Finucane, as recommended by Judge Peter Cory as part of the Weston Park Agreement, in order to move forward on the Northern Ireland peace process.

#### TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 459. Mr. KYL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 214, to amend chapter 35 of title 28, United States Code, to preserve the independence of United States attorneys; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 2, strike line 1 and all that follows and insert the following:

#### SEC. 2. PROMPT NOMINATION AND CONFIRMATION OF UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS.

Section 541 of title 28, United States Code is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsections (b) and (c) as subsections (c) and (d), respectively; and

(2) by inserting after subsection (a) the following:

“(b)(1) Not later than 120 days after the date on which a vacancy occurs in the office of United States attorney for a judicial district, the President shall submit an appointment for that office to the Senate.

“(2) Except as provided in paragraph (3), not later than 120 days after the date of the submission of an appointment under paragraph (1), the Senate shall vote on that appointment.

“(3) If the President fails to comply with paragraph (1) with regard to the submission of any appointment for the office of United States attorney, paragraph (2) of this subsection shall have no force or effect with regard to any appointment to the office of United States attorney during the remainder of the term of office of that President.”.

#### SEC. 3. REPEAL OF INTERIM APPOINTMENT AUTHORITY.

Section 546 of title 28, United States Code, is repealed.

SA 460. Mr. SESSIONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 214, to amend chapter 35 of title 28, United States Code, to preserve the independence of United States attorneys; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 2, line 23, strike the quotation marks and the second period and insert the following:

“(e)(1) A district court appointing a United States attorney under subsection (d) shall not appoint a candidate—

“(A) unless that candidate is an employee of the Department of Justice or is a Federal law enforcement officer (as that term is defined in section 115 of title 18); or

“(B) if the court learns that candidate is under investigation or has been sanctioned by the Department of Justice or another Federal agency.

“(2) Not less than 7 days before making an appointment under subsection (d), a district court shall confidentially inform the Attorney General of identity of the candidate for that appointment.”.

SA 461. Mr. PRYOR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution S.J. Res. 9, to revise United States policy on Iraq; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Beginning on page 2, line 11, strike “to the limited purposes set forth” and all that follows through page 3, line 20, and insert the following: “to the following purposes:

(1) Protecting United States and coalition personnel and infrastructure.

(2) Training and equipping Iraqi forces.

(3) Conducting targeted counter-terrorism operations.

(b) COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY.—Subsection (a) shall be implemented as part of a comprehensive diplomatic, political, and economic strategy that includes sustained engagement with Iraq's neighbors and the international community for the purpose of working collectively to bring stability to Iraq.

(c) REPORTS REQUIRED.—Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and every 90 days thereafter, the President shall submit to Congress a classified report on the progress made in transitioning the mission of the United States forces in Iraq and achieving the benchmarks established pursuant to subsection (d).

(d) CLASSIFIED CAMPAIGN PLAN.—The President shall create a classified campaign plan for Iraq, including strategic and operation benchmarks and redeployment dates of United States forces from Iraq as those benchmarks are met.

SA 462. Mr. REID (for Mr. BIDEN (for himself and Mr. MENENDEZ)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 494, to endorse further enlargement of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and to facilitate the timely admission of new members to NATO, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 5, line 19, insert “(FYROM)” after “Macedonia”.

On page 12, line 22, insert “(FYROM)” after “Macedonia”.

On page 14, line 7, insert “(FYROM)” after “Macedonia”.

On page 14, line 9, insert “(FYROM)” after “MACEDONIA”.

On page 15, line 6, insert “(FYROM)” after “MACEDONIA”.

On page 15, line 6, insert “(FYROM)” after “Macedonia”.

On page 15, line 20, insert “(FYROM)” after “Macedonia”.

On page 17, line 3, insert “(FYROM)” after “Macedonia”.

SA 463. Mr. REID (for Mr. BIDEN) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution H. Con. Res. 20, calling on the Government of the United Kingdom to immediately establish a full, independent, and public judicial inquiry into the murder of Northern Ireland defense attorney Patrick Finucane, as recommended by Judge Peter Cory as part of the Weston Park Agreement, in order to move forward on the Northern Ireland peace process; as follows:

In the ninth whereas clause of the preamble, strike “Dial” and insert “Dail”.

#### NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

##### COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee on Indian Affairs will meet on Thursday, March 22, 2007, at 9:45 a.m. in Room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct an oversight hearing on Indian Housing.

Those wishing additional information may contact the Indian Affairs Committee at 224-2251.

#### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

##### COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 15, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., in open session to receive testimony on the posture of the United States Army in review of the Defense authorization request for fiscal year 2008 and the future years defense program.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 15, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building. The purpose of the hearing is to review the U.S. Coast Guard budget.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 15, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. to hold a nomination hearing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet in executive session during the session of the

Senate on Thursday, March 15, 2007 at 4 p.m. in the President's Room, S-216, of the Capitol building. We will be considering the following:

#### Agenda

1. S. 624, the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program Reauthorization Act of 2007
2. S. 845, Keeping Seniors Safe From Falls Act of 2007
3. S. 657, the Trauma Care Systems Planning and Development Act of 2007
4. W. Craig Vanderwagen, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, Department of Health and Human Services

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, March 15, 2007, at 10 a.m. to consider the nomination of Gregory B. Cade to be Administrator of the U.S. Fire Administration at the Department of Homeland Security.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a markup on Thursday, March 15, 2007, at 10 a.m. in Dirksen Room 226.

#### Agenda

##### I. COMMITTEE AUTHORIZATION

Authorization of Subpoenas in Connection with Investigation into Replacement of U.S. Attorneys

##### II. BILLS

S. 236, The Federal Agency Data Mining Reporting Act of 2007; Feingold, Sununu

S. 261, Animal Fighting Prohibition Enforcement Act of 2007; Cantwell, Specter, Durbin, Kyl, Feinstein, Feingold, Kohl

S. 376, Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2007; Leahy, Specter, Kyl, Cornyn, Grassley, Sessions

S. 231, A bill to authorize the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program; Feinstein, Cornyn, Kohl, Durbin, Biden, Grassley

S. 368, COPS Improvements Act of 2007; Biden, Leahy, Kohl, Feinstein, Schumer, Durbin, Specter

S. 627, Safe Babies Act; Harkin, Specter

##### III. RESOLUTIONS

S. Con. Res. 14, Commemorating the 85th anniversary of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association; Snowe

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 15, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a Business Meeting..

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 15, 2007.

The agenda to be considered: Hearing on Water Resources Needs and the President's Budget Proposal for the Army Corps of Engineers for fiscal year 2008.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent for John Krukameyer of my office to have floor privileges for today's session of the Senate. I also ask unanimous consent that a law clerk on my staff, Melanie Edwards, be granted floor privileges until March 31.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to calendar No. 80, S. Res. 95.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 95) designating March 25, 2007, as "Greek Independence Day: A National Day of Celebration of Greek and American Democracy."

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 95) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

#### S. RES. 95

Whereas the ancient Greeks developed the concept of democracy, in which the supreme power to govern was vested in the people;

Whereas the Founding Fathers of the United States drew heavily on the political experience and philosophy of ancient Greece in forming a representative democracy;

Whereas Greek Commander in Chief Petros Mavromichalis, a founder of the modern Greek state, said to the citizens of the United States in 1821 that "it is in your land that liberty has fixed her abode and ... in imitating you, we shall imitate our ancestors and be thought worthy of them if we succeed in resembling you";

Whereas, during World War II, Greece played a major role in the struggle to protect freedom and democracy by bravely

fighting the historic Battle of Crete, giving the Axis powers their first major setback in the land war and setting off a chain of events that significantly affected the outcome of World War II;

Whereas Greece paid a high price for defending the common values of Greece and the United States in the deaths of hundreds of thousands of Greek civilians during World War II;

Whereas, throughout the 20th century, Greece was 1 of only 3 countries in the world, outside the former British Empire, that allied with the United States in every major international conflict;

Whereas President George W. Bush, in recognizing Greek Independence Day in 2002, said, "Greece and America have been firm allies in the great struggles for liberty. . . . Americans will always remember Greek heroism and Greek sacrifice for the sake of freedom. . . . [and a]s the 21st century dawns, Greece and America once again stand united; this time in the fight against terrorism. . . . The United States deeply appreciates the role Greece is playing in the war against terror. . . . America and Greece are strong allies, and we're strategic partners.";

Whereas President Bush stated that Greece's successful "law enforcement operations against a terrorist organization [November 17] responsible for three decades of terrorist attacks underscore the important contributions Greece is making to the global war on terrorism";

Whereas Greece is a strategic partner and ally of the United States in bringing political stability and economic development to the volatile Balkan region and has invested over \$15,000,000,000 in the region;

Whereas Greece was extraordinarily responsive to requests by the United States during the war in Iraq, immediately granting the United States unlimited access to Greece's airspace and the base in Souda Bay, and many United States ships that delivered troops, cargo, and supplies to Iraq were refueled in Greece;

Whereas, in August 2004, the Olympic games came home to Athens, Greece, the land in which the games began 2,500 years ago and the city in which the games were revived in 1896;

Whereas Greece received world-wide praise for its extraordinary handling during the 2004 Olympics of more than 14,000 athletes from 202 countries and more than 2,000,000 spectators and journalists, a feat Greece handled efficiently, securely, and with famous Greek hospitality;

Whereas the unprecedented security effort in Greece for the first Olympics after the attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001, included a record-setting expenditure of more than \$1,390,000,000 and the assignment of more than 70,000 security personnel, as well as the utilization of an 8-country Olympic Security Advisory Group that included the United States;

Whereas Greece, located in a region in which Christianity mixes with Islam and Judaism, maintains excellent relations with Muslim countries and Israel;

Whereas the Government of Greece has had extraordinary success in recent years in furthering cross-cultural understanding and reducing tensions between Greece and Turkey;

Whereas Greece and the United States are at the forefront of the effort to advance freedom, democracy, peace, stability, and human rights;

Whereas those and other ideals have forged a close bond between the governments and the peoples of Greece and the United States;

Whereas March 25, 2007, marks the 186th anniversary of the beginning of the revolution that freed the people of Greece from the Ottoman Empire; and